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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

G. Hamilton et al.

Serial No.: 09/204,238

Filed: 3-Dec-1998

For: Multiple Heteroatom

Containing Heterocyclic Ring

Compounds Substituted With

Carboxylic Acids And

Isosteres Thereof

Group Art Unit: 1625 FG CENTER 1600/

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 1, 2002, for which a shortened statutory period for response has been set to expire on June 1, 2002.

Applicants request a one-month extension of time to July 1, 2002.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending rejections. The amendments would place the claims in condition for allowance, would raise no new issues, and would not require further search.

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